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LAWS, AND UK COMMONWEALTH PREFERENCES

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1. AUTO TAXES: EMBASSY OFFICERS PRESENTED US OFFICIAL VIEWS
ON AUTO TAXES JANUARY 7 TO ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OFFICE DIRECTOR
FOR NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS SCHEPMAN WHO READILY ACKNOWLEDGED
THE IMPACT OF THE PROGRESSIVE TAX AND VOLUNTEERED TO CIRCULATE
US VIEWS TO OTHER GON OFFICIALS. HE SAID IMPOSITION OF SUCH TAXES
HAD BEEN DIFFICULT DECISION FOR GON AND REFLECTED GREAT NEED
FOR INCREASED REVENUE AS WELL AS GON'S INTEREST IN PLACING TAX
BURDEN ON THOSE WHO CAN AFFORD TO OWN THE BIGGEST AND MOST
EXPENSIVE CARS. EMBASSY HAS ALSO SCHEDULED SEPARATE APPOINTMENT
TO PRESENT US VIEWS TO TAX OFFICIALS IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

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2. CANADIAN INVESTMENT LAWS: SCHEPMAN VOLUNTEERED THAT GON HAS FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND CANADIAN RESTRAINTS WHICH ARE NOW CAUSING MAJOR DUTCH FIRMS TO CANCEL INVESTMENT PLANS FOR CANADA AND TO CONCENTRATE MORE IN US. HE ADDED THAT CANADIAN OFFICIALS IN RESPONSE TO DUTCH QUERIES HAVE POINTED OUT THAT NEW LAWS ARE AIMED AT US AND NOT AT DUTCH INVESTORS BUT LAWS MUST UNFORTUNATELY BE APPLIED IN NON-DISCRIMINATORY MANNER.

3. UK COMMONWEALTH PREFERENCES: SCHEPMAN AND HIS ASSISTANT VAN POLEN SAID GON IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING RAISING ISSUE IN EC AS NUMBER OF DUTCH FIRMS INCLUDING ESPECIALLY PAINT MANUFACTURERS HAVE FOUND UK PREFERENCES, WHICH MAY BE AS HIGH AS 20 PERCENT ON SOME ITEMS, PROHIBITIVE.
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